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# Clouds part for Club Day

By FRANN BART, News Editor and DAVID BRODY, Staff Writer

"Extremely successful" is how Valley College's Club Day was described by Associated Student Body (ASB) Senate President Pro Tem Mike Higby, one of the coordinators of the event.

Club Day finally came together last week under sporadically sunny skies. The event, delayed up to three weeks the last few years due to rain, went on as scheduled in Monarch Square.

College President Mary Lee kicked off the ceremonies, predicting "the most successful Club Day," and said she hoped that the event would not be rained out as it was in her previous terms as president.

The theme, chosen and decided upon by all the participating clubs, was the Mardi Gras. With its colorful and festive atmosphere, the celebration was similar to the one held in New Orleans during the spring.

Also making an announcement at the start of the event was ASB Vice President Steve Appell.

"This event gives the clubs a chance to show off," he said.

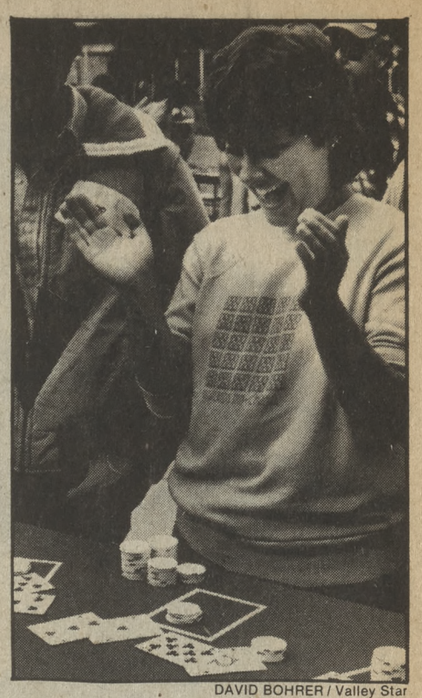
After the speeches, people roamed the area populated with individual club booths. Some booths offered food and some displayed pamphlets and posters.

The Broadcasting Club was kept busy selling large helpings of spaghetti and meatballs as well as videotaping Club Day proceedings with a TV monitor set up for spectators.

Members of the Dance Club strutted at the foot of the school entrance steps while next door the Campus Christian Fellowship booth offered free raw vegies, cookies, pamphlets, and new translation bibles.

"Gambling, no, fundraising, yes," said Patrick Leary of the Young Americans for Freedom club about the blackjack booth he was overseeing. Stacks of "chips for charity" stood in front of some of the more avid participants.

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**ACE-ING IT**—Nanci Felder plays blackjack at a table run by the Young Americans for Freedom.



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**SWEET VICTORY**— Nora Yukon, president of the Parent Interest Club, with her son, Justin, sells baked goods in front of her club's table on Club Day.



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**RONNIE ROCKS**— "Ronald Reagan" (Terry Ware) bends his knees for a break dance as spectators check out his style during Club Day.

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# Two classes pass, three fail Curriculum Committee test

By MARILYN MARTINEZ, Assoc. News Editor

Two of the five classes that were up for review by the Valley College Curriculum Committee (VCCC) will go to the Faculty Senate with VCCC's approval to be kept on the list of general education classes.

Music 101 and Art 501 earned the committee's approval while Art 201, Music 200, and Family & Consumer Studies 2 failed to pass inspection.

Each year, the General Education and Graduation Requirements Subcommittee examines the current list of general education classes for courses they believe do not meet the definition of a general education class.

The findings are then submitted to the VCCC which discusses the classes among the 16 members of the committee.

The committee then decides whether the class falls within the general education guidelines for the California State Universities and Community Colleges.

In the case of the general education courses, the VCCC's opposing vote does not mean the course will definitely be deleted.

The recommendation is passed on to the Faculty Senate. The Senate then takes its own vote and forwards it to College President Mary Lee.

The VCCC was formed in 1977 as an advisory board to the college president. It makes recommendations and reviews general education courses, graduation requirements, curriculum policies, as well as other curriculum matters.

Before institution of the VCCC, curriculum policy and general education classes were constructed by the administration and chairs of the departments. Faculty members as a whole were not involved.

As a result of the past policy, "a lot of courses got on the general education list that didn't belong," said Phil Clarke, mathematics instructor and current chair of the VCCC.

Some courses in Fire Science used to count as general education units, but the committee found them "too narrow in scope for a general education class," Clarke said.

When a course is up for review by the VCCC, faculty members from that department usually attend the meeting to voice their opinions regarding the status of the course.

Committee members are appointed for two year terms and include faculty, deans, a student member, and presently, the librarian.

A new proposal by the committee, which would take effect next fall, is the formation of majors for students earning an A.A. degree.

The VCCC is considering various major programs submitted by departments, and its role is to approve or suggest changes in the programs.

"It's a negotiation process with the departments on what the courses should be," Clarke said.

**SPRING BREAK**

There will be no classes April 16-20

# Board unanimous; resolution says no way on bug spray

By SAL SCIORTINO, Staff Writer

A resolution opposing the aerial spraying of the pesticide Malathion in non-agricultural areas within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees last Wednesday.

The resolution called Malathion "a pesticide whose long-term effect on the population is not yet known."

Copies of the resolution are to be sent to the L.A. County Agricultural Commission and the L.A. County Board of Supervisors.

The resolution called for "more safe means" to eradicate the Mexican fruit fly. The board stated that the aerial spraying is not safe, according to LACCD Director of Communications Services Norm Schneider.

After four hours of testimony from several experts, including William Routhier, Deputy Director of the Mexican Fruit Fly Project of the State Department of Fruit and Agriculture, several changes in the original resolution were made.

The changed resolution opposed spraying in the area "encompassed by the district" rather than simply in the non-agricultural areas of Los Angeles County.

It also deleted sections having to do with county reservoirs and the possibility of the wind causing the insecticide to drift out of the spray area.

A section that stated that the spraying has resulted in injury to the health of students and teachers was also removed from the final resolution.

The resolution was passed despite Routhier's testimony that the Malathion program presented no danger to the population in the quantites used because Malathion is water soluble and dissipates quickly.

The Los Angeles and Lynwood school districts have already passed resolutions to halt Malathion spraying, begun by the county of Los Angeles last November.

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# *Faculty to get ACCESS to new project report*

By KATHLEEN MAHER, Assoc. Editorial Editor

Valley College's faculty will be introduced to Project ACCESS for the first time today.

The program is underway in six other district community colleges and provides campus orientation, testing assessment, and recommendations for new and returning students in areas of reading, writing, and numeric skills.

Students identified by this testing who need remedial instruction are given recommendations as to what courses to take before enrolling in college-transfer classes.

College President Mary Lee will conduct the one-hour meeting at 1 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

A report will be made on what the project will involve in its inception for the fall semester.

"Testing of approximately 2,500 to 3,700 new students taking six or more units is scheduled for May 29," said Lois Lewis, assistant dean of community outreach education. "This will include those students at Valley who still need English I placement."

According to Robert Standen, dean of instruction at Harbor College, "The testing is considered unique in that it assesses the urban community college student without any particular cultural bias built into the test."

All the colleges using the ACCESS program reported an increase in the need for remedial courses. However, both Harbor and Trade Tech reported an increase in the demand for English I courses last fall.

Lewis said it is too early to determine if there will be an increase in demands for remedial courses at Valley until after the May testing.

## *News Notes*

**STUDENT LEADER AWARD**
Applications are now being accepted for the LACCD Outstanding Student Leader Award. Students involved in community, church, and social activities as well as student government are eligible. Deadline is April 23. Applications are available in CC100.

**STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION**
Information and applications for the LACCD Student Trustee elections are available in CC100 through April 30.

**GUITAR RECITAL. . .**
Kevin Love and Michael McCormick will perform a guitar recital Thursday, April 26 at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall. Admission is free.

**GRADUATION PETITIONS. . .**
Graduation petitions are due Friday April 27 at 4 p.m. for graduation as of Summer 1984. Petitions are available in the Credit Office, Room 127.

**CSUN COUNSELOR. . .**
Students transferring to Cal State Northridge as Business Administration Majors may make an appointment to see Linda Schneider, CSUN's Business Administration Advisor. Appointments may be made at the Counseling Appointment Desk in the Administration Bldg.

**EBELL SCHOLARSHIP. . .**
Applications are being accepted for the Ebell Scholarships for the Fall '84 term. Students must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and be a registered voter. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

**SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION. . .**
Starting April 23, summer school registration appointments can be picked up at the West Counter in the Administration Building Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**HOLIDAY LIBRARY HOURS**
Library hours for the Spring break are as follows: April 17 through 19 open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed April 14 and 21.

**RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT. . .**
The first annual Valley Racquetball Tournament will be held Wednesday April 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The entry fee is $2.00. Refreshments will be served and trophies awarded. For information call Lennie Ciufo or Bernie Christian in the Men's Gym, or call 988-5500.

**JEWISH STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS. . .**
The Jewish Community Foundation and Jewish Vocational Service are offering scholarships to needy Jewish students who are residents of Southern California. Interested students should contact: Jewish Vocational Service, 6505 Wilshire Blvd. Rm.303, Los Angeles, CA 90048

**"A RITE OF SPRING". . .**
A dance celebrating Earth Day 1984 and to benefit the Alliance for Survival and the Jobs with Peace Campaign Initiative will be held Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is $2.50 for general admission, $1.50 for students, and $1 for ASB members. Further information may be obtained in CC102.




"UH, CHEERS?"

# Workfare doesn't work

L.A. County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's recent endorsement of the San Diego Workfare Project on the basis that 42 percent of those participating were taken off welfare and put into the work force is not only alarming but based on misleading statistics.

The main problem is that the program emphasizes a quick job hunt rather than training for the future.

Participants must first undergo an initial job search. If unsuccessful, the individual goes through an intensive two-week interview training and job-search regime, the focus of which is to enable the participant to get a job. The type of job, whether the person is suited for it, can live on its income, or can work family responsibilities around it are not considered.

If work cannot be found in the private sector, the participant is then employed for 90 days in a public or non-profit agency doing mostly low-level clerical, maintenance, or kitchen-type help work.

If the worker then finds permanent employment, the plan is considered "successful;" the 42 percent success rate figure is taken from statistics at this level of the program.

However, the worker is not immediately taken off welfare. This is done approximately four months later, and even then eligibility for welfare may continue if work-related expenses are high enough.

Not only does the low-paying job not ensure that the participant comes off welfare rolls, it makes the worker unable to train for a higher paying job that would remove the worker from welfare rolls permanently.

Only after all of these procedures are undertaken does Workfare refer its participants to San Diego's Department of Employment JTPA training project, a replacement for CETA, to acquire skills useful in the marketplace.

Furthermore, what may be working for San Diego will not necessarily work for Los Angeles and its vastly different labor and welfare makeup.

A far better option is State Senator Diane Watson's (D-L.A.) legislation, which, according to Joyce Iseri, consultant to the State Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, "emphasizes differences in recipients' job needs, not volume, and gives choices between further education or training."

We agree with Iseri's statement, "There is no one prescription for putting welfare recipients to work. Workfare is just a blanket prescription to place someone in a job. This program will not necessarily work for the labor market of a large county like Los Angeles."

Antonovich, who is chairman of the "Workfare" Initiative Drive in Los Angeles should look beyond the surface of this proposal and closely examine the consequences of this quick-fix solution to a complex, volatile issue.

## STAR EDITORIALS

# Athletics endangered

The air of expectancy is mounting as Los Angeles makes the final preparations for the Summer Olympic Games.

Athletes from all over the world with different backgrounds and lifestyles will come together to compete in the ultimate championships.

As we watch them perform this summer, we should remember the role that schools such as Valley College have played in producing world-class athletes, and hope that athletic training in California's community colleges will continue.

Recently, despite severe budget problems, a Valley athlete was awarded the coveted AMF American Award, given to the top athlete-scholar in the nation.

Gymnast Dean Archie won the award representing Valley's Gymnastics Club, which placed second at the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships in New York.

The Gymnastic Club was originally established as a team in the late 1950's, but because of district budget cuts, had to quit competing as a team in 1981. They then converted to a club, and now pay for all their own expenses.

Valley is now the only community college in the San Fernando Valley that has extended gymnastic activity on campus. Students commute several miles to Valley just to participate. Valley and Long Beach City are the only two community colleges in California that have kept the gymnastic program in operation.

The gymnnastic coach, who has been donating his time to advise, train and develop high caliber athletes for national competition, is now being frustrated by the district and Valley's administration to the point that the club will now probably have to be disbanded.

This summer, as we watch American athletes compete in the Olympics, we should remember how drastic budget cuts are chiseling away at the opportunity for many young athletes to even begin the road to representing their country in world competition.

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# *Flattening income tax: punishment or progress?*

## *Flat income tax fair to all*

By MARY CRONIN, Managing Editor

For millions of American families, this will be the most frustrating weekend of the year.

April 15 has rolled around again, and we are faced with the frustrations of paying income taxes. And, as we wade through the pages and pages of confusing instructions, many of us will be heard to mutter, "There's gotta be a better way."

Well, there is.

The concept of a flat income tax, wherein we all pay the same flat percentage of net income, without having to deal with all the deductions, loopholes, credits, shelters, and breaks, is one whose time has come.

In the ideal flat tax structure, we would all pay a single income tax rate, and there would be no deductions except for personal exemptions and strictly defined expenses in earning the income. The tax rate would be set so that the very poor would pay no tax at all.

The advantages of such a change are many, the most obvious being that the tax burden would be shifted to those who can most afford it.

Flat tax critics argue that the change would cause a hardship on the poor and middle class and benefit the rich. What they are conveniently forgetting is that most wealthy citizens can afford to divert income into a myriad of shelters and loopholes, and can spare the dollars they spend on attorneys and accountants whose aim is to help their clients pay little or no income tax at all.

But even for these people, the change would be beneficial in spite of the fact that they would have to pay more to the government. They would be free, then, to use their remaining capital in ventures that are seen to be profitable, rather than expending time and money trying to avoid or evade taxes.

A system which promotes the investing of dollars into unprofitable business ventures so the investor can write off tax dollars is ludicrous.

The middle class would also benefit. This segment of our society, which traditionally pays the bulk of income tax collected, would, for the most part, be paying a lower rate than they are currently giving to the government. The estimated rate required to generate as much revenue as is currently collected would be about 15-17 percent—considerably lower than most middle-class families now pay.




Also, a flat income tax would free middle class America to make important fiscal decisions about such things as housing, investments, savings, and charities without having to complicate the decision with tax-exemption considerations.

For the poor, there would be no taxes due at all until they reach an equitable standard of living.

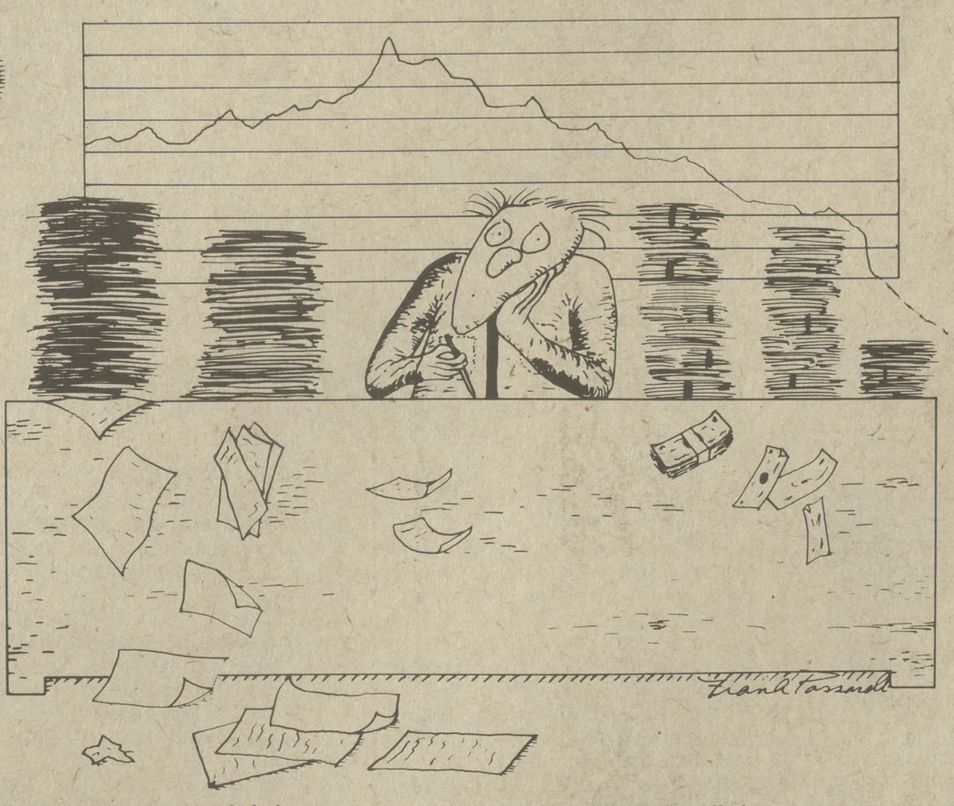
They, as well as all taxpayers, would be relieved of the frustrations inherent in progressive taxation, which penalizes citizens for earning more money, thereby discouraging production and encouraging the "cheat the IRS mentality."

There are those who profit from the current system, and they are part of a powerful lobby against taxation change.

The housing industry, charitable institutions, savings and loans, tax lawyers, and tax accountants all thrive because of our present confusing and counter-productive tax system.

We should not allow these special interest groups to keep us from making a badly needed change.

The present "progressive" income tax system is too inequitable and unwieldy to retain. It is clearly time to change to the more simple and just structure of a flat income tax.




## *Progressive tax promotes justice*

By JEFF SHARE, Editor-in-Chief

Taxes are the basis of our economy. In order for any highly industrilized society to function productively, some form of government intervention is needed.

Whether it is social programs for the poor and elderly, or police and fire departments, our taxes pay for them.

The present income tax system used in the United States is called a progressive tax.

The percentage levied goes up as the amount earned increases. This plays an essential Robin Hood-type role in balancing the extreme economic inequities of society.

Like any government operation the progressive tax is not perfect. Probably the most vocal but not rational criticism of this levy is that it limits incentive to work.

A person can receive a raise in pay but because of being on the border line of a percentage jump, by taking the raise they are put into a higher tax bracket only to have to pay a larger percentage, which sometimes is more than the raise they received.

This is the system's biggest flaw. However, this scenario only applies to a very limited number of borderline cases.

Because of the few times that this does occur, a change is needed.

Unfortunately, the biggest proponents for a change are coming from the wealthy under the guise of helping the poor and cleaning up the system with a flat rate tax.

In reality a flat rate tax is as ridiculous as balancing the budget on the backs of the poor.

An across-the-board flat tax benefits only one group of people—the rich.

The flat rate tax proposes the same flat percentage levied on the person who earns $5,000 a year as the person that earns $5 million a year.

With the progressive tax in use now, a person that earns over $55,300 a year is taxed the maximium of 50 percent, while a person who earns 2,300 a year is taxed 11 percent.

Critics of this system propose anywhere from a 10 percent to a 20 percent flat tax. That would mean that, if we figure a flat tax average of 15 percent, the person earning $2,300 a year would have to survive on just $1,955 for an entire year while the person making $55,300 could live luxuriously on $47,005.

Another side bar to the argument for a flat tax is the Pollyanna idea that all exemptions and deductions would be eliminated.

If these people truly do want to help all segments of society as they claim, then they would remove all exemptions and deductions now. Claiming that they will do it then sounds more like a politician's promise or a naive child's dream.

Much of the case for a flat rate echoes the hollow rhetoric of supply-side economics.

Once again we are told that reducing the taxes of the rich will solve our economic woes, including the problems of inadequate tax revenue.

If anything has been learned from the supply-side experiment, it is that lowered taxes for one group mean higher taxes for another.

You cannot diminish the amount everyone pays and come up with more revenue. The 50 percent cuts for the rich in the most regressive legislative offerings must place a heavier burden on the backs of the poor and the middle income groups.

The progressive tax with its minor flaws is still by far the best system around. Reform is needed but flat rate reform is not the answer.

**SPORTS CALENDAR**
(April 12-18)

| DATE | SPORT | OPPONENT | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | Baseball | at College of the Canyons | 2 p.m. |
| | Swimming | at El Camino | all day |
| | | (Metro Championships) | 4-12 to 4-14 |
| | Track | at Bakersfield | all day |
| | | (relays 4-12 to 4-14) | |
| 13 | W-Basketball | at L.A. Trade Tech | 1 & 3 p.m. |
| 14 | Baseball | vs. College of the Canyons | noon |
| 18 | Baseball | at Long Beach (tournament) | 4-18 to 4-20 |

# Garlic speech grabs kudos for Kaplan

By JENNIFER KONZE, Assoc. View Editor

A speech about garlic won Valley College Associated Student Body (ASB) President Jeff Kaplan a second place plaque at the National Forensic Junior College Tournament held April 1-7.

"Forensics" is the term for competitive speaking. Kaplan won his award in the Informative Speaking section of the Individual Events category.

The two other sections (in which he also competed), were Impromptu Speaking and Speech for Entertainment.

Seven hundred students from 72 community colleges competed in the tournament held this year in Casper, Wyoming.

The tournament also included two other categories: interpretive theater and debating.

The five-day competition, which began at 8 a.m. each day, tested the physical stamina and mental alertness of the participants, along with their speaking abilities.

Preparation for the event included competing in several other forensic tournaments, however, due to Valley's lack of ASB funds, this was the first and only competition for Kaplan this year.

The reason he chose to compete in this particular tournament was because he had placed third twice in the same event last year.

"Informative speaking is very important," Kaplan said. "Everyone is supposed to know a little about the subject, but not a lot." He added that the informative speech was not allowed to contain any elements of persuasion.

Kaplan's future plans include transfer to a four-year institution. He said he aims for a career in public relations or politics.

"Everyone knows a little about garlic, but not enough," Kaplan said. "I went through the history of garlic."

## Club day. . .

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From across campus could be heard a siren sounded by an officer demonstrating a "state of the art" computer patrol car. The police were invited by the Administration of Justice Club, and weapons were sold called "kubotans," which are small, hard plastic sticks for keychain attachment. Use of the weapon was also demonstrated.

Authentic barbecued steak tacos could be bought at the MECHA booth. Member Maribell Kaller said the club functions in the community and "helps Hispanic students out financially."

A highlight of the event for participating clubs was a competition that judged each club's efforts to stand out and recruit new members.

Six different categories were judged and included food, display, entertainment, theme, and an overall award. The sixth category was called students' choice, in which the president and senator from each club cast two votes for a club other than their own.

In past years, Club Day had only one overall award, prompting complaints of slanted votes toward clubs with extra attractions.

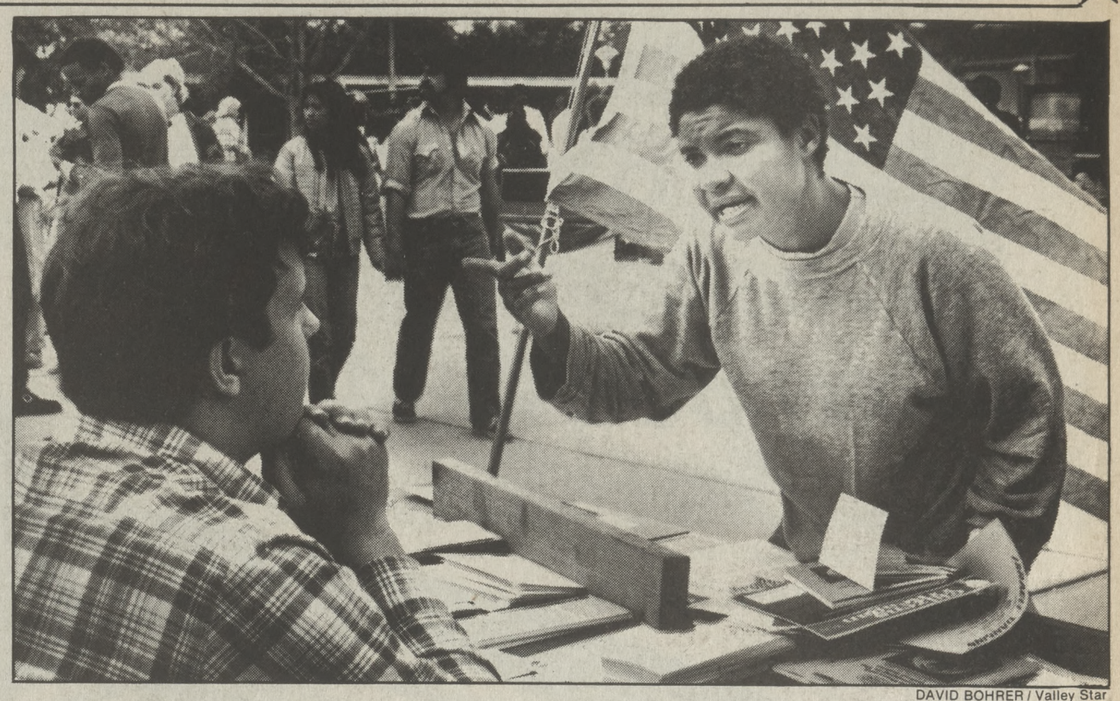
According to club coordinators, this year each club had a better chance to win an award due to the expanded categories.

The ASB judges consisted of Appell; Commissioner of Evening Studies Shawn Ulibarri; Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Evan Pennet; Secretary of Student Affairs Dana Taylor; and Treasurer Fran Regan. ASB President Jeff Kaplan was competing in a speech tournament and could not participate in the judging.

First place award winners were: MECHA (Food); Young Americans for Freedom (Entertainment); Dance Club (Display); Students for Social Awareness (Theme); Administration of Justice Club (Students' Choice); and Parent Interest Club (Overall).

According to Appell," The competition gave the clubs more recognition. The judges had a better chance to examine the individual qualities of a club instead of just the overall qualities."

He added that in general "it [Club Day] was the best I've seen since I've been here."



DAVID BOHRER / Valley Star

**MAKING HER POINT**— Sharon Rogers talks to Patrick Leary at his Young Americans for Freedom booth.

## Police Update

Cars and their stereos are continuing to be separated from each other.

Two car burglaries, in which two off-brand stereos were taken, occurred in parking lots D and E on April 4. Lot D is frequently the site of such burglaries, according to campus police records.

Along with the car burglaries come general thefts. A computer program board was taken from Bungalow 83 during the day on April 4.

In that same area a few bathroom scales were removed from Bungalow 80 sometime between March 15 and April 5.

Campus Police ask that if students have information on a campus theft or burglary or notice anything suspicious, to please report it to Bungalow 59, or call ext. 409 or 299.


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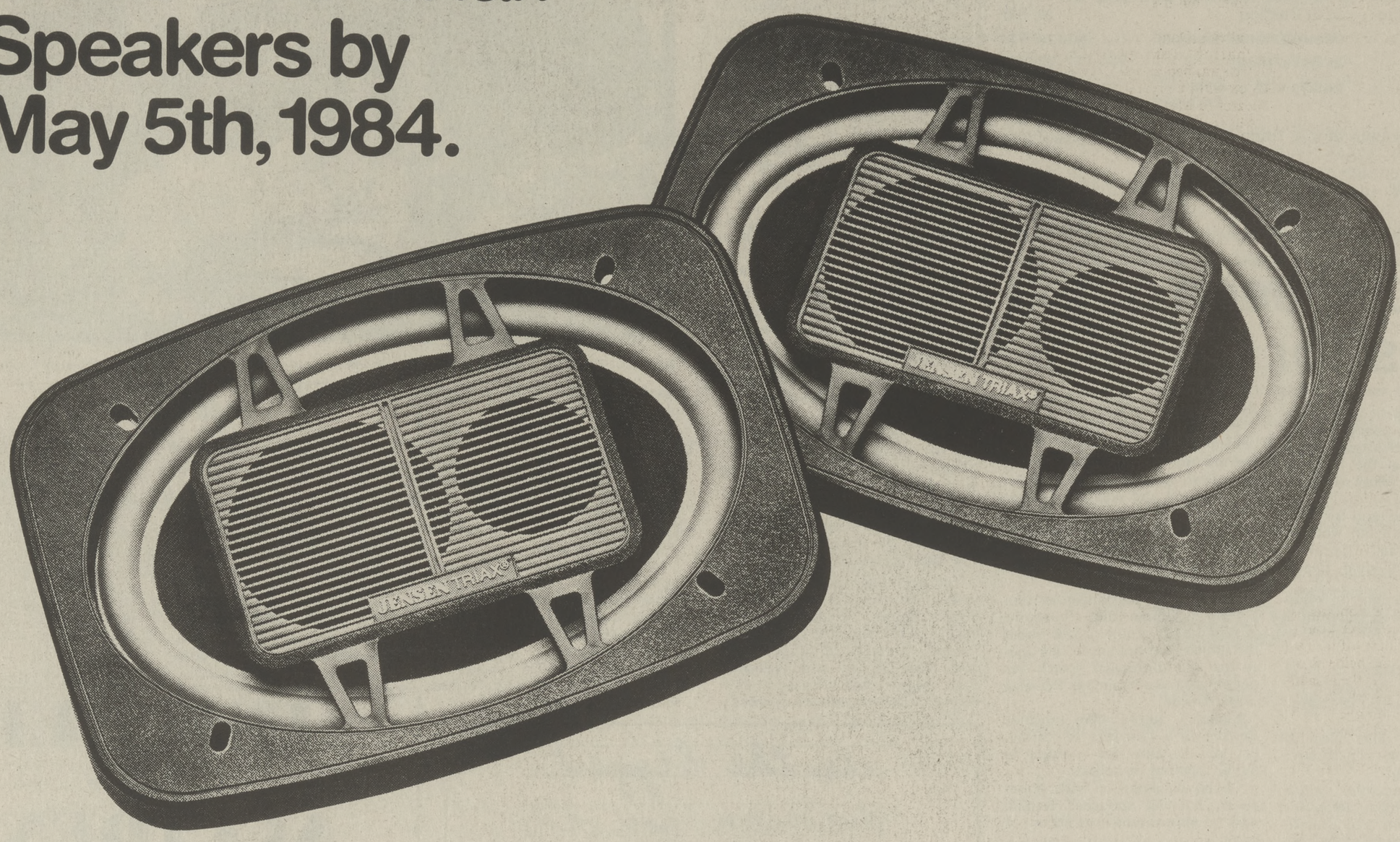
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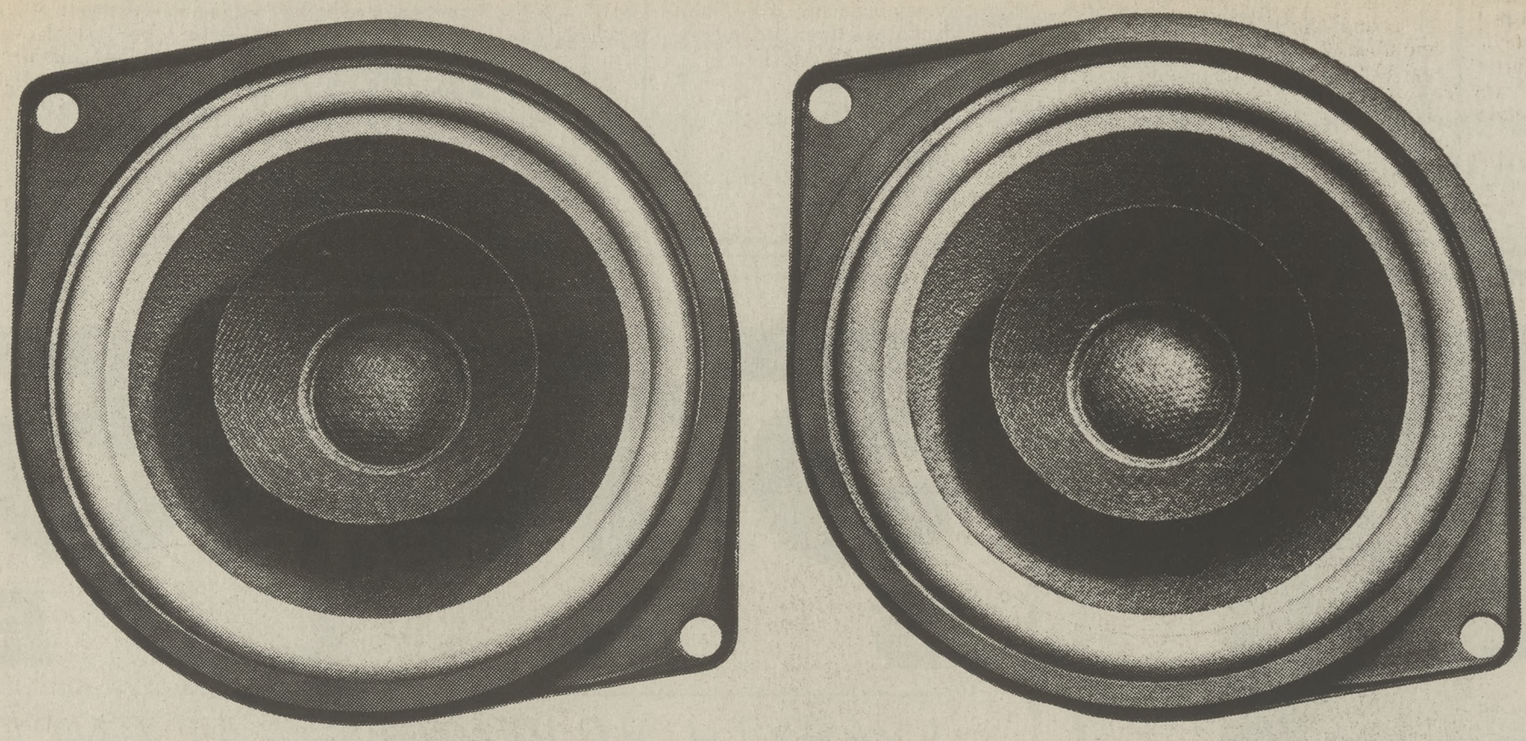
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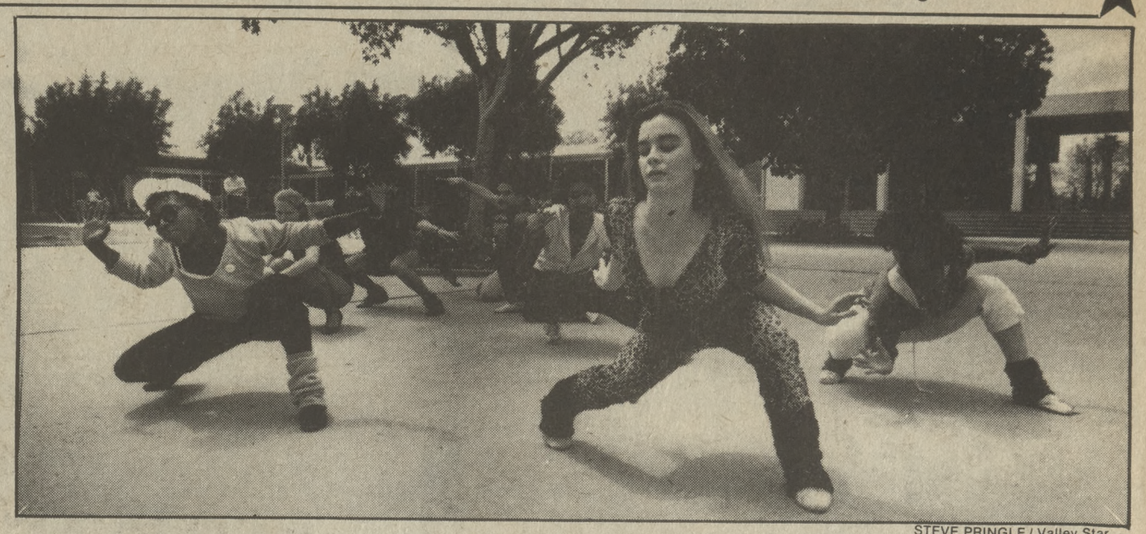
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# Continuing on clubs

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STEVE PRINGLE / Valley Star

**KEEPING A LOW PROFILE**—Dance Club members perform during Club Day held last week in Monarch Square.

## GYMNASTICS CLUB

Originally an athletic team, now a club in possibly its last season, the Gymnastics Club practices daily from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Gymnastics Center.

All of these hours of practice lead to one annual competition—the National Junior College Athletic Association Gymnastics Championships. Together they raise the funds needed to attend the competition.

The 17-member club placed second in that competition last year.

This endangered club is one of the two remaining community college gymnastics programs in California.

Membership is open to anyone with a willingness to learn and a desire to improve, according to Coach/Adviser Gary Honjio.

More information can be obtained by contacting Honjio in the Men's Gym, ext. 206, or by stoping by the Gymnastics Center (next to the field house) between 2 and 5 p.m.

*—Mary Parcells*

## YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM

So, William F. Buckley is your hero, and you think Ronald Reagan is just swell? Well, there's a group of students at Valley who feel the same way.

They are the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). These young conservatives are a part of a national organization that believes in zero government growth, the slogan "Peace through Strength," and counts on Reagan winning in '84.

The national organization was founded in 1960 and boasts Reagan as the chairman of its national advisory board.

Here on campus, the club "attempts to present the conservative alternative to students," according to Steve Hutchins, club president. Hutchins believes students are "being deluged by liberalist viewpoints."

When joining the YAF, students may also join the national organization. Club fees include two subscriptions to a national conservative paper.

YAF meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. in CC 212.

*—Marilyn Martinez*

## HILLEL

"Hillel is a place for Jewish students at Valley to get to know each other, to learn about their culture, and to explore their Jewish identities," said Sheryl Eisenberg, program director.

"Hillel also provides opportunities for non-Jews to learn about Israel and other important parts of the Jewish religion," she said.

Activities sponsored by Hillel range from social events such as dances and parties, to community action events, religious programs, weekend retreats, a monthly newsletter, and regular events such as Hillel-at-Nite and folk dancing every Sunday evening.

The best way to become involved or learn more about Hillel, according to Eisenberg, is to come to the free Hillel-at-nite evenings held very Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the lounge at Hillel House.

Hillel House, located at 13162 Burbank Blvd. (just across from the bungalows), is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

More information can be obtained by calling Eisenberg or Rabbi Jerry Goldstein at 994-7443.

*—Mary Parcells*

## DANCE CLUB

It looks like a scene right out of "Fame," but it's right here on campus.

Valley's Dance Club is currently preparing for an all-student choreographed and performed show which will be presented in the Little Theater in May.

All students are encouraged to audition at the twice-weekly meetings at the Women's Gym Dance Studio on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Desert Cowart, club president and current ASB secretary, said guest artists like the Inner City Cultural Center and the Ballet Folklorico are also expected to perform.

The club shows various dance-related films such as "All That Jazz" and "Flashdance."

Modern and classical ballet, jazz, and modern dance are the various types of dance included, according to Cowart.

*—Norma Isela Nevarez*



## ROTARACT CLUB

"All their life they have been receiving help from different organizations, and now they want to be of service to the community themselves," says George Kopoulos, assistant dean of administrative services, when speaking about Valley's Rotaract Club.

Sixty percent of its 35 members are handicapped, according to Kopoulos, who started the club 14 years ago. "But it was also started for and is open to 'able'-bodied students," he said.

Members meet every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Men's Gym Weight Room and informally every Wednesday and Friday when most members participate in wheelchair basketball games.

"It gives me a chance to socialize, meet new people, and go on trips," said club member Reggie Manley.

But, according to Kim Martin, club president, "Besides the socializing, it is first of all 'a service above self' organization."

The service club is modeled after the Rotary Club community service concept and is sponsored by both the Studio City and Panorama City Rotary Clubs.

"We participate in joint fund-raisers and take part in all sorts of service projects within the community," said Martin.

*—Norma Isela Nevarez*

### Oops!

A correction to last week's club story. . .The president of the Administration of Justice (A.J.) Club is Betty Plassmeyer.

Chuck Tuma is chairperson of the Night Watch Program.

Also, the requirement to be an A.J. club member is only being a student in good standing.

## GAY AND LESBIAN CLUB

Helping their members in getting along with other students and making everyone at school comfortable around each other is the main concern of the Gay and Lesbian Club, according to Larry Dubin, club president.

"Our club started at Valley about 10 years ago," said Dubin. "We now have 30 members of which 5 percent are bisexual, and the rest are gay."

The club is trying to promote a good image on campus, but, said Dubin, "The student body is pushing the Gay and Lesbian Club to the side. They think it is not important, and it's something to be ashamed of.

"We are a normal club. We all care about our education. We are not here to make a pass at anyone or try to sell ourselves. We want everyone to know that we exist at Valley."

*—Azadeh Yazdi*

## SENIOR STUDENT CLUB

"I think you could call us one of Valley's most active clubs," said Bernice Friedkin, president of the Senior Student Club.

The club, which has been at Valley for about 10 years, has participated in scholarship fund drives, student registration, and "anything to try to help out on campus," said Friedkin.

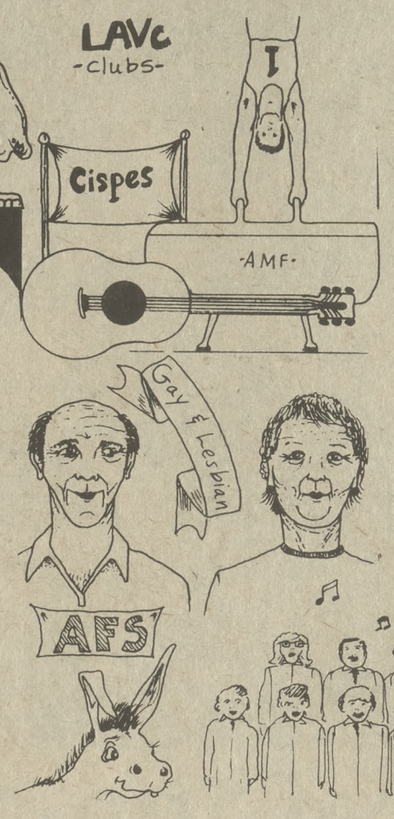
"About two or three years ago, we received a commendation for being the most active club during the blood drive," she said.

The club provides social as well as educational programs for Valley's senior student population which currently stands at 3.3 percent of the total student population.

About 50 to 60 people meet each first and third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in Physics 100 to participate in activities ranging from traveling to lectures with guest speakers.

This month Mike Gardner, psychology professor, is scheduled to speak at the bi-monthly meeting.

*—Norma Isela Nevarez*




## DEMOCRAT CLUB

After five years of inactivity, Valley's Democrat club plans to be active in this year's presidential election.

The club has been on file with Valley for the past 25 years, according to club president, Mike Higby, who is also head of the ASB executive senate committee.

"This year we will be active not only on file, but also on campus," said Higby.

The club will be involved with the '84 Presidential election, and in encouraging students to vote.

"We are planning to stage a debate for the student's to get involved with the elections," said Higby.

Interested students may contact Mike Higby in the ASB office.

*— J.D. Bowles*

## PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The Progressive Youth Organization is a club with 15 members whose purpose is to educate people about socio-economic problems, peace, and democracy, according to Dorthy Moore, club president.

"We founded this club originally because of the lack of understanding surrounding these issues and the problems concerning Central America, which affect this whole country and the whole world," Moore said.

The club is about six weeks old and meets every other Thursday at 11 a.m. in CC 206.

Although they have a couple of unconfirmed events planned, members of the club expect to communicate mainly through meetings and literature. They are also planning to take interested students to events held outside campus.

"It will be easier if we limit ourselves that way, considering the lack of time [of this semester]," said Moore.

*—Berta Herrera Walsh*

## REPUBLICAN CLUB

Student votes could decide the outcome of this year's presidential election," said Republican Club President Chauncey Medberry.

This year "we plan to encourage registration and voters to show up at the polls," said Medberry, who is also a member of the Associated Student Body (ASB).

Plans are also being made to accumulate signatures for upcoming ballot issues, as well as attending the Republican State Convention.

The club meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. in CC104. *—J.D. Bowles*

## CAMPUS ALLIANCE FOR ERA

The Campus Alliance for Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) deals basically with the concepts of today's women.

Dorothy Kaplan, president, said that "issues on women's discrimination, women's awareness week, and speakers from NOW" have all been subjects for discussion.

The club's name may soon be in for a change. They are considering changing the name to Women's Caucus because of the change of the issue of ERA itself, according to Kaplan.

Commissioner of Women's Concerns Jerilyn Stapleton was the founder of the club, and she is still very involved.

This semester, the focus is on getting people to register to vote. The club meets every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon.

*—Jennifer Konze*

## ALLIANCE FOR SURVIVAL

"The Alliance For Survival is basically a peace organization," said Theresa Moore, president of the club.

"It is a chapter on the National Alliance For Survival, and it operates in conjunction with Southern California AFS which has its main office in downtown L.A." she added.

The main organization was founded about seven years ago with a few hundred members. It rapidly grew and now there are about 3,500 members.

"We are not allied with any political ideology," said Moore. "Our object is to educate students and make them aware of the need to stop the arms race. Now, we are mainly collecting signatures for jobs with a peace campaign and urging people to register to vote."

*—Berta Herrera Walsh*

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# 'Chairmen' of the court

By NORMA ISELA NEVAREZ, Staff Writer

In the western United States, wheelchair basketball was first played right here in Van Nuys at an old Veteran's Administration Hospital site which is now Birmingham High School.

At Valley College, it was first played in 1979.

In his book, "Playing and Coaching Wheelchair Basketball," Ed Owen, vice-president of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, traces the beginning of the increasingly popular team sport as first appearing shortly after the end of World War II.

While V.A. Hospitals here and in New England claim credit for being first, Valley's Associate Professor of Physical Education Jim Gayton states, "The whole thing started right here in Van Nuys, and here at Valley by George Kopoulus, assistant dean of administrative services.

By Spring 1979, Kopoulos, who is also in charge of the Community Resources Program, geared to the development of services for the handicapped, had already acquired several wheelchairs.

Gayton, who has been at Valley for nearly six years, became involved with the amateur sport when Kopoulus and he "started tossing around the idea of what could be done in terms of physical development for the disabled," he said.

"We needed to develop a program in which we could minimize disability and maximize whatever potential they (the disabled) had," said Gayton, "and wheelchair basketball was it."

The sport, adds Gayton who has a master's degree in exercise physiology, provides good exercise, improves strength, increases cardiovascular development, and encourages a positive self-image.

"The problem with our handicapped population is that they're basically insecure, but once they get started, they feel better about themselves and they go bananas over participating in the game," Gayton said.



And so it was for Lynn Volger, 27, a student who has been "one of the regulars" for about three years.

"I changed my English tutoring time to 8 a.m. just to keep playing. It feels so good to be part of a team and be accepted," said Volger.

Another student, Latanya Bradley, disabled due to spinal muscular atrophy and confined to a wheelchair since the age of 11, said, "It's a lot of fun just to play and have a sense of achievement."

However, the players are not all confined to wheelchairs.

Volger, for example, is a "walker" (a person who is disabled but who can walk to some extent). "But," she said, "I was in a wheelchair for six months when I was 10 years old."

According to Gayton, who said he was paralyzed from the waist down but is now completely well, there are five members on the team who are confined to wheelchairs and four who are not.

This intercollegiate team (with substitutes) will soon compete against Northridge Hospital, Miller High School, and other colleges.

"In the meantime, play is for fun," Gayton emphasized, and he encourages "all students, disabled or not, to come out and play."

As many as 20 students now join the wheelchair games held every Wednesday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Men's Gym.

Although wheelchair basketball is fun, definite rules apply.

These include players not being allowed to lift themselves off the seats of their chairs at any time, not rolling backwards, and not rolling their chairs more than twice without dribbling the ball. They can, however, stay in the lane for five seconds instead of three.

"Except for a couple of rules," said Gayton, "wheelchair basketball is similar to college basketball."

